

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR GUIDELINES
Saint Joseph Catholic Church 2017-2018

“You shall be My Witnesses” Acts 1:8

A Confirmation sponsor is a witness to the commitment that the Confirmand is making to Christ. The sponsor presents the candidate to the Bishop and stands with him/her at the anointing of the Holy Spirit. In choosing a sponsor, the candidate for the reception of Confirmation should select a person with the characteristics listed below. These characteristics come from Canon Law of the Catholic Church and the guidelines for the Diocese of Shreveport.

1. The sponsor may be a man or a woman, but not a parent, adoptive parent or step-parent and must be at least 16 years old.
2. The sponsor must be confirmed, practices his/her faith by regular attendance at Sunday Mass and regularly receives the Eucharist. The sponsor leads a life in harmony with the Catholic faith.
3. The sponsor will willingly participate in the Confirmand’s preparation process, by being a person who exemplifies in faith and action a life that the Confirmand can follow as an example of a person journeying toward a closer relationship with the Lord, participates in the liturgies, attends classes with the Confirmand whenever possible and will encourage the young candidate to live a Christian life during the preparation period and after Confirmation.
4. Sponsors must bring in a “Pastor Verification Form for the Confirmation Sponsor” which indicates that the sponsor is a confirmed member in good standing. Please turn it into the Director of Religious Education by February 12, 2018.

On the commitment form, you will be asked to sign your name after the following statements:

To Whom It May Concern:

- I am a Confirmed, practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church
- I have carefully read the guidelines for sponsors.
- I practice my faith and the celebration of my life and God’s life at Mass on Sundays.
- I realize the importance of my good example in encouraging all whom I meet in their journey toward a closer relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and I accept my responsibility as a Confirmation sponsor for:

(Confirmation Candidate’s Name)

(Sponsor’s Signature)



Confirmation Sponsor Commitment

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I wish to be a Confirmation Sponsor for: _____
(Confirmation Candidate's Name)

I am at least 16 years old, and am a confirmed, practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church. I practice my faith and the celebration of my life and God's life at Mass on Sundays. I have carefully read the guidelines for sponsors. I realize the importance of my good example in encouraging all whom I meet in their journey toward a closer relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and I accept my responsibility as a Confirmation sponsor. I am committed to being a living model of faith for my candidate, ready to pray for and with him/her and willing to give of my time and talents to help my candidate fully prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

(Sponsor's Signature) Date: _____

Sponsor's Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____